## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)	
	)	CRIMINAL CASE
v.	)	NO.: <u>1:14-10243-FDS</u>
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(1) GABRIEL BITRAN, and	)	
(2) MARCO BITRAN,	)	
Defendants.	)	
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## **ORDER OF RECUSAL**

## SAYLOR, J.

Under 28 U.S.C. § 455(a), a United States District Judge must disqualify himself from any proceeding "in which his impartiality might reasonably be questioned." In this matter, an attorney who entered an appearance on behalf of defendant Marco Bitran, Mark W. Pearlstein, is a personal friend. Because my impartiality might reasonably be questioned were I to preside in this matter, I hereby disqualify myself from this proceeding.

So Ordered.

/s/ F. Dennis Saylor
F. Dennis Saylor IV
United States District Judge

Dated: August 14, 2014